

1 August 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 1 August 1979

The Director was preparing to appear before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Mr. Carlucci was on leave; Bowie was preparing to brief the President; McMahon chaired the meeting. [ ] 25X1

Lehman reported an Alert Memorandum is being prepared on the Egyptian/Libyan situation. He said there is no new intelligence to report, but the Alert Memorandum will highlight no change in Sadat's military intentions re Libya and that Egyptian troops are in a high state of readiness. Lehman said our major concern centers on the possibility of things going wrong in the Egyptian military initiative which could result in a serious setback for Sadat's image. [ ] 25X1

McMahon reported Agee has left Madrid for Havana. He noted also a cable reporting favorable reaction by China to an offer by Taiwan of assistance in agriculture technology. McMahon speculated this opening of dialogue might be a small step towards solution of the Taiwan problem. [ ] 25X1

Taylor reported OMB approval of the Reserve Release [ ] 25X1

Hetu said the MacNeil-Lehrer Report has expressed interest in doing a piece for presentation in the fall on the Agency's estimative process to include, for example, the Iranian situation. [ ] 25X1

Clarke said a paper has been prepared responding to the Director's concern (see Staff Meeting Minutes of 20 July) for intelligence support to U.S. officials involved in various arms control negotiations other than SALT, e.g., the Indian Ocean and Chemical Warfare. He said also the [ ] matrices will be updated and that he will coordinate with [ ] 25X1

Clarke noted the Director's memo of conversation (31 July) with Vice President Mondale and said briefing books will be completed today for the Vice President's trip to China. [ ] reminded Clarke of the Director's suggestion to contact Denis Clift for any additional needs. Clarke said he is hopeful that Mondale will have been sufficiently impressed by briefings provided by Ambassador Holdridge and [ ] that Mondale would invite [ ] to accompany him. [ ] 25X1

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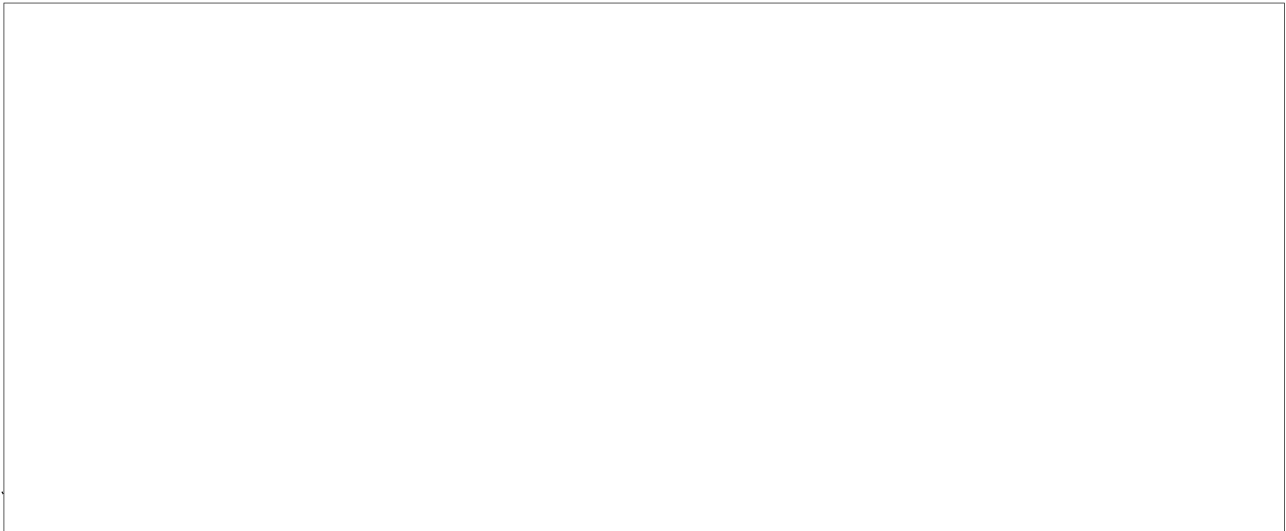
OLC is wrapping up responses to Senator Glenn's questions re SALT.

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